

# How can YOU help protect your water?

Many people still think that water pollution comes from a specific source called 'point source' pollution like factories or sewage treatment plants but the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that now Non – Point Sources (NPS) pollution is the single biggest factor affecting water quality today.

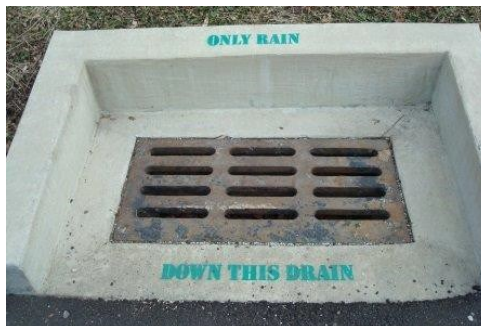
“Non-Point Source (NPS) pollution” occurs when water from storms pick up chemicals and waste carrying them away from their source. This runoff finds its way into storm drains and enters the streams and rivers from which much of our drinking water comes.

Non-point Source pollution include:  
The cost of this type of pollution is

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| ☒ Grease           | ☒ Pesticides          |
| ☒ Yard waste       | ☒ Cleaning agents     |
| ☒ Trash            | ☒ Household Chemicals |
| ☒ Salt and sand    | ☒ Motor Oil           |
| ☒ Lawn fertilizers | ☒ Pet Waste           |
| ☒ Septic systems   | ☒ And much more       |

reflected in higher water bills, as drinking water coming from increasingly polluted sources is more expensive to treat.

What can you do? Look inside for helpful Hints



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Have your septic tank pumped and septic system inspected regularly.

Check car for leaks and recycle used motor oil. Never pour it on the ground or into a storm drain.

Minimize pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Compost yard wastes—leaves and grass. Don't dump them in ditches or waterways.

Direct downspouts onto lawns and away from paved surfaces.

Plant grass or plants on the bare spots in your yard.

Follow directions on fertilizer labels and sweep off driveways, sidewalks, and roads so that the chemicals won't get into storm drains.

Take your car to a car wash or park it on the grass to wash so that the cleaners don't run off into storm drains.

Pick up after your pet. Don't let pet waste wash into storm drains.

NEVER pour any kind of waste into storm drains.

# Clean water starts at home...